

**Section 6.** It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds under the Master Settlement Agreement, which is incorporated into the Consent Decree, be allocated as follows:

- (1) Fifty percent (50%) to the nonprofit corporation as provided by the Consent Decree.
- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) to a trust fund to be established by the General Assembly for the benefit of tobacco producers, tobacco allotment holders, and persons engaged in tobacco-related businesses, with this trust fund to be governed by a board of trustees representing these interests. To carry out this purpose, this trust fund may provide direct and indirect financial assistance, in accordance with criteria established by the trustees of the trust fund and to the extent allowed by law, to (i) indemnify tobacco producers, allotment holders, and persons engaged in tobacco-related businesses from the adverse economic effects of the Master Settlement Agreement, (ii) compensate tobacco producers and allotment holders for the economic loss resulting from lost quota, and (iii) revitalize tobacco dependent communities.
- (3) Twenty-five percent (25%) to a trust fund to be established by the General Assembly for the benefit of health, with this trust fund to be governed by a board of trustees comprised of a broad representation of health interests.

**Section 7.** Chapter 55A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 55A-3-07. Certain corporations subject to Public Records Act and Open Meetings Law.

Any corporation organized under this Chapter under the terms of any consent decree and final judgment in any civil action calling on a state officer to create the corporation, for the purposes of receipt and distribution of funds allocated to the State of North Carolina to provide economic impact assistance on account of one industry, is subject to the Public Records Act (Chapter 132 of the General Statutes) and the Open Meetings Law (Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes)."

**Section 8.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of March, 1999.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 5:21 p.m. on the 16th day of March, 1999.

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SESSION LAW 1999-3

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGULATING MASS GATHERINGS.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:*

**Section 1.** G.S. 130A-252 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-252. Definition of mass ~~gathering~~ gathering; applicability of Part.

(a) For the purposes of this Part, "mass gathering" means a congregation or assembly of more than 5,000 people in an open space or open air for a period of more than 24 hours. A mass gathering shall include all